GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Thalassemia Drugs
Gopal Dr. K.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the country is facing huge shortage of various Thalassemia drugs including Desferal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of drugs for Thalassemia patients?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, Department of Pharmaceuticals, which is mandated with the task of ensuring the availability of drugs in the country, has informed that they have received two complaints regarding shortage of Desferrioxamine, which is used in the treatment of Thalassaemia. The complaints so received were taken up with the concerned manufacturer who has replied that the product is available in adequate quantity in Bengaluru as well as in other parts of the country.